

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1-38. (Canceled).

39. (New) An exit sign comprising:

a housing,

a plurality of LEDs having the capability of being selectively activated to produce either red light or green light, said plurality of LEDs being mounted in mutual lighting association in said housing,

means for selective activation of said plurality of LEDs to produce either said red light or said green light,

means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of indicia symbolizing an exit enabling viewing by an observer, wherein said means for passing light is a stencil having at least one area that passes selected said red light or selected said green light enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer,

means for optically diffusing said red light or said green light positioned in said housing juxtaposed to said plurality of LEDs and said stencil,

electrical circuitry in operative electrical communication with said plurality of LEDs, and

a source of electrical power activating said electrical circuitry.

40. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit forms a word.

41. (New) The exit sign according to claim 40, wherein said word is EXIT.

42. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit forms at least one arrow.

43. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said stencil is a non-transparent stencil having at least one passage forming said indicia, said light passing substantially through said at least one passage.

44. (New) The exit sign according to claim 43, wherein said at least one passage includes a plurality of passages, said light passing substantially through said plurality of passages.

45. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said stencil is a transparent stencil having at least one non-transparent area forming said indicia, said light not passing substantially through said at least one non-transparent area.

46. (New) The exit sign according to claim 45, wherein said at least one non-transparent area is a plurality of non-transparent areas, said light not passing substantially through said plurality of non-transparent areas.

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47. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said plurality of LEDs further having the capability of being selectively activated by said means for selective activation to simultaneously emit both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light, wherein said yellow light passes through said stencil enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

48. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said plurality of LEDs includes a plurality of monochrome red LEDs and a plurality of monochrome green LEDs, each said plurality of monochrome red LEDs having the capability of being activated by said means for selective activation to produce said red light, and each said plurality of monochrome green LEDs having the capability of being activated by said means for selective activation to produce said green light.

49. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said plurality of LEDs includes a plurality of bicolor LEDs, each said plurality of bicolor LEDs having the capability of being activated by said means for selective activation to produce either said red light or said green light.

50. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said means for selective activation to produce either said red light or said green light is a switch.

51. (New) The exit sign according to claim 50, wherein said switch is a two-position dipswitch.

52. (New) The exit sign according to claim 51, wherein said two-position dipswitch includes the capability to simultaneously activate both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light.

53. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said electrical power is direct current voltage.

54. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, further including battery means for providing emergency power to said electrical circuitry.

55. (New) The exit sign according to claim 54, wherein said electrical circuitry further includes a plurality of monochrome LEDs for providing emergency light, said battery means being in electrical communication with said plurality of monochrome LEDs.

56. (New) The exit sign according to claim 39, wherein said means for optically diffusing said light is an optical diffuser.

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57. (New) An exit sign comprising:

a housing,

a plurality of monochrome red LEDs and a plurality of monochrome green LEDs

having the capability of being selectively activated to produce either red light or green light,

said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said plurality of monochrome green LEDs

being mounted in mutual lighting association in said housing,

means for selective activation of either said plurality of monochrome red LEDs to produce said red light or said plurality of monochrome green LEDs to produce said green light,

means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of indicia symbolizing an exit enabling viewing by an observer, wherein said means for passing light is a stencil having at least one area that passes selected said red light or selected said green light enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer,

means for optically diffusing said red light or said green light positioned in said housing juxtaposed to said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said plurality of monochrome green LEDs and said stencil,

electrical circuitry in operative electrical communication with said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said plurality of monochrome green LEDs, and  
a source of electrical power activating said electrical circuitry.

58. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit forms a word.

59. (New) The exit sign according to claim 58, wherein said word is EXIT.

60. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit forms at least one arrow.

61. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said stencil is a non-transparent stencil having at least one passage forming said indicia, said light passing substantially through said at least one passage.

62. (New) The exit sign according to claim 61, wherein said at least one passage includes a plurality of passages, said light passing substantially through said plurality of passages.

63. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said stencil is a transparent stencil having at least one non-transparent area forming said indicia, said light not passing substantially through said at least one non-transparent area.

64. (New) The exit sign according to claim 63, wherein said at least one non-transparent area is a plurality of non-transparent areas, said light not passing substantially through said plurality of non-transparent areas.

65. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said plurality of monochrome red LEDs and said plurality of monochrome green LEDs further having the capability of being selectively activated by said means for selective activation to simultaneously emit both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light, wherein said yellow light passes through said stencil enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

66. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said means for selective activation of either said plurality of monochrome red LEDs to produce said red light or said plurality of monochrome green LEDs to produce said green light is a switch.

67. (New) The exit sign according to claim 66, wherein said switch is a two-position dipswitch.

68. (New) The exit sign according to claim 67, wherein said two-position dipswitch includes the capability to simultaneously activate both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light.

69. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said electrical power is direct current voltage.

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70. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, further including battery means for providing emergency power to said electrical circuitry.

71. (New) The exit sign according to claim 70, wherein said electrical circuitry further includes a plurality of monochrome LEDs for providing emergency light, said battery means being in electrical communication with said plurality of monochrome LEDs.

72. (New) The exit sign according to claim 57, wherein said means for optically diffusing said light is an optical diffuser.

73. (New) An exit sign comprising:  
a housing,  
a plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs having the capability of being selectively activated to produce either red light or green light, said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs being mounted in mutual lighting association in said housing,  
means for selective activation of said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs to produce either said red light or said green light,  
means for passing light from selected said red light or selected said green light in the form of indicia symbolizing an exit enabling viewing by an observer, wherein said means for passing light is a stencil having at least one area that passes selected said red light or selected said green light enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer,

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means for optically diffusing said red light or said green light positioned in said housing juxtaposed to said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs and said stencil, electrical circuitry in operative electrical communication with said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs, and  
a source of electrical power activating said electrical circuitry.

74. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit forms a word.

75. (New) The exit sign according to claim 74, wherein said word is EXIT.

76. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said indicia symbolizing an exit forms at least one arrow.

77. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said stencil is a non-transparent stencil having at least one passage forming said indicia, said light passing substantially through said at least one passage.

78. (New) The exit sign according to claim 77, wherein said at least one passage includes a plurality of passages, said light passing substantially through said plurality of passages.

79. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said stencil is a transparent stencil having at least one non-transparent area forming said indicia, said light not passing substantially through said at least one non-transparent area.

80. (New) The exit sign according to claim 79, wherein said at least one non-transparent area is a plurality of non-transparent areas, said light not passing substantially through said plurality of non-transparent areas.

81. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said plurality of bicolor red and green LEDs further having the capability of being selectively activated by said means for selective activation to simultaneously emit both said red light and said green light so as to produce yellow light, wherein said yellow light passes through said stencil enabling viewing of said indicia by an observer.

82. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said means for selective activation of said plurality of said bicolor LEDs to produce either said red light or said green light is a switch.

83. (New) The exit sign according to claim 82, wherein said switch is a two-position dipswitch.

84. (New) The exit sign according to claim 83, wherein said two-position dipswitch includes the capability to simultaneously activate both said red light and said green light of said plurality of bipolar red and green LEDs so as to produce yellow light.

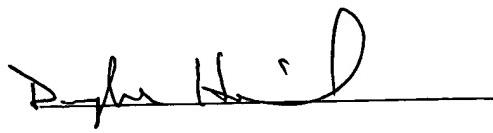
85. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said electrical power is direct current voltage.

86. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, further including battery means for providing emergency power to said electrical circuitry.

87. (New) The exit sign according to claim 86, wherein said electrical circuitry further includes a plurality of monochrome LEDs for providing emergency light, said battery means being in electrical communication with said plurality of monochrome LEDs.

88. (New) The exit sign according to claim 73, wherein said means for optically diffusing said light is an optical diffuser.

Respectfully submitted,



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